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SUBJ: MORE ON ALLEGED PLOT

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1. ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACED JUNIOR ARMY OFFICER WHO CLOSE FRIEND OF OURS (AND WHO VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION), TALK OF RIGHT-WING "PLOT" IS EXAGGERATED VERSION OF WHAT ACTUALLY IS AFOOT. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, KAULZA, SPINOLA AND ADRIANO MOREIRA (LATTER DESCRIBED AS OPPORTUNIST AND NOT REACTIONARY) CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS TO DEVISE PLAN TO PROMOTE ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTUGUESE COMMONWEALTH ("THIS YEAR"), CONSISTING OF INDEPENDENT MULTIRACIAL ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE PLUS PORTUGAL. AIM SAID TO HAVE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT BY MIDDLE-GRADE MILITARY OFFICER CORPS HERE WHO SEE NO ALTERNATIVE OTHERWISE TO ENDLESS WARS IN AFRICA. NEITHER LUZ CUNHA NOR FRANCO NOGUEIRA WAS MENTIONED AS PARTICIPATING.

2. IDEA IS OLD DREAM (E.G. ESPOUSED LAST DECADE BY LEADERS LIKE SARMENTO RODRIGUES), WHICH USED TO BE ANATHEMA TO ULTRAS LIKE FRANCO NOGUEIRA. NOTWITHSTANDING OUR SOURCE'S DISCLAIMERS, TO PULL OFF USCH A SCHEME WOULD SEEM EVENTUALLY TO REQUIRE SOME PRETTY FANCY (AND COORDINATED) PLOTTING AGAINST NOT ONLY

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CAETANO BUT THOMAZ AS WELL.

3. WHAT WE FIND INTERESTING ABOUT TIS IS LEVEL TO WHICH STORY
(EVEN THOUGH POSSIBLY BADLY DISTORTED) HAS PENERATED WITHIN
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, AS WELL AS INTERPRETATION (WISHFUL
THINKING PERHAPS) PLACED ON IT BY LOWER ECHELON MILITARY
OFFICER.
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